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(*d*) when the subdivision completed the works of the distribution system;

(*e*) what length of pipe line has been laid, how many fountains constructed and what other works executed by them since February 1931 up to the end of June 1931;

(*f*) what are the works yet remaining to be executed; and

(*g*) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of reducing the staff and establishment charges of the subdivision?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 343.

Construction of an elevated reservoir for the Tuticorin water-works.

* 295 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an elevated reservoir at Tuticorin has been sanctioned for the Tuticorin water-works and if so, when and at what estimated cost;

(*b*) when tenders were called for for this work, whose tender has been accepted and when it was accepted;

(*c*) whether, and if so, when, the work was commenced by the contractors and when it is expected to be completed;

(*d*) why tenders were not called for for this work soon after it was sanctioned and the work completed already, along with the completion of the distribution system; and

(*e*) who is responsible for the failure or omission in getting this work done along with the other works?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 344.

Purchase of furniture required for Government departments.

* 296 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number, size and value of steel safes, steel almirahs and steel shelvings (record racks) the Government have purchased during each of the last three years from—

(i) Indian manufacturers,
(ii) London, and
(iii) the Continent of Europe or America;

(*b*) the names of the firms and the value of the articles purchased from each of these firms;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Government are making in their P.W.D. Workshops steel record racks;

(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of this House figures for

(i) cost of making such racks,
(ii) the life of such racks, and
(iii) the cost of repainting and renovating them during the total period of their life; and

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(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the General Hospital, Madras, has placed orders for steel shelvings and almirahs and surgical cabinets for the new extensions of the General Hospital with firms in England?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government have not the information.

(*e*) No.

Registration

Selection of non-graduates as sub-registrars.

* 297 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state under what circumstances are non-graduates selected for the posts of sub-registrars in the Registration department and on what ground, for instance, Mr. C. Ramachandra Prasad was chosen as a sub-registrar?

A.—Under the Madras Registration Subordinate Service Rules, the minimum qualification for admission to that service is the possession of a Secondary School-Leaving Certificate. As Mr. C. Ramachandra Prasad had the requisite qualification, he was appointed to that service.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"What are the special reasons which induced Government to make an exception in this case from the general rule that only graduates should be appointed as sub-registrars?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"There is no rule that only graduates should be appointed as sub-registrars."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"At any rate they have been following such a convention. What are the special reasons to make them depart from this convention?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Government is not the appointing authority in this case."

Veterinary Department

Admissions to the Madras Veterinary College.

* 298 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of applications received for admission to the Veterinary College, Madras, and the number selected for admission;

(*b*) how many Brahmans, Muslims, Vannikula-Kshatriyas, and depressed classes were selected respectively; and

(*c*) how many Vannikula-Kshatriyas applied?